

## Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 4, 2020

### Member Attendees:

Mr. Karl Bernhardsen, At-Large Appointee, Chair  
Ms. Mary Ann Callahan, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Vice-Chair  
Ms. LaToya Foster, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Secretary  
Ms. Brandy Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Ms. Majeedah Razzaq, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Mr. Brett Pornbeck, 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Ms. JoAnne Hanrahan, Mayoral Appointee  
Ms. Debra Hogan, Mayoral Appointee

### Member Absent:

Ms. Kelly Weiss, Mayoral Appointee

### Staff Members Attending:

Mr. Stephen Carson, HUD Manager

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- Meeting called to order: 6:15 PM
  - 2/18/2020 Minutes Approved (1-Pornbeck, 2- Foster, unanimous)
  - Executive Session (1-Brown, 2- Foster, unanimous) for HR Training
  - **Continuum of Care Budgetary Recommendation**
    - Some of the biggest issues CoC is facing and hoping to address in their 5 year plan is the lack of affordable housing and the increase in substance abusers and the mentally ill; with a possible rise in domestic violence. They are seeing a decrease in Veteran Homelessness.
    - CoC is also working with the eviction office and sheriff department so that better aid people that are being evicted or that are recently released from jail.
    - There are kiosk systems being placed in DSS Broome County and the Southern Tier. These kiosk systems are to help people who do not have phones reach the coordinated entry so that they can receive the help they need.
    - Everyone that goes through DSS for homelessness now goes through coordinated entry; this is being implemented in the 6 county's.
  - **Thoughts & Recommendations**
    - *Stephen* wants to ask the City about changing how we aid people to prevent homelessness. Basically, if there is someone living in Endicott or Vestal who is on the verge of becoming homeless, instead of waiting for them to become homeless and then having them come to Binghamton to receive services; we could provide services that could help them keep/stay in their home.
    - *Mary Ann* suggested a possible group meeting between the CDAC, City Council & Mayors Office so that we can all be on the same page and address/discuss the current state of the city and the issues with the current demographic seeing as we are discussing the 5 year plan this year. Discussing issues with code, zoning, homelessness, student housing and affordable housing .
    - *Mary Ann* suggested that we should have a standard form for the departments presenting to help new CDAC members better understand abbreviated terms and departments. It could also be used to make sure that details that may be missed during presentations is still address/covered.

- *Mary Ann* also suggested a Coalition of Advisory Board, made up of all the advisory boards. Where everyone can discuss the roles each board plays for the city and so that everyone can be made aware of any issues someone boards may or may not know about.
- Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM (1-Razzaq, 2-Hanrahan, unanimous)